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ELECTION OF SPECIES SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed October 3, 2003, in the above-identified application, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the species shown in Figure 9 and covered by Claims 1 - 17.

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references identified on the attached form PTO/SB/08A. A copy of the SAE Paper is attached. Since an Office action on the merits has not been mailed in, no fees or statements are necessary.

Preliminary to the substantive examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: